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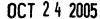
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THE SPEED OF A TORQUE-CONTROLLED INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE Group Art Unit: 3747

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#### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2005 for which the three-month date for response is October 28, 2005.

As Applicants have filed a timely response, no fees are believed to be due. However, should the Commissioner determine that any fee or extension of time is necessary regarding this application, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fee from Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. 12693.0027.00US00.